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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER

1. PLEASE CONVEY THE TEXT OF THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER MIKI, BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR SUMMIT. ORIGINAL LETTER BEING POUCHED.

"DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: IT WAS A GREAT HONOR AND PLEASURE FOR MRS. FORD AND ME, AND INDEED FOR ALL AMERICANS, TO HAVE THEIR MAJESTIES AS OUR GUESTS IN THE UNITED STATES. I AM EXTREMELY PLEASED THAT THE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS ENJOYED THEIR VISIT.

THOUGH THEIR STAY WAS BRIEF, THEIR MAJESTIES' WARMTH AND

SINCERITY MADE A DEEP IMPRESSION WHICH THIS COUNTRY WILL LONG REMEMBER. THEIR VISIT WAS AN EVENT OF PROFOUND IMPORTANCE WHICH SYMBOLIZED AND STRENGTHENED THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLE.

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I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT RAMBOUILLET. SINCERELY,
GERALD R. FORD".

2. THIS LETTER IS IN RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM
WHICH MIKI SENT THE PRESIDENT UPON THEIR MAJESTIES' RETURN
TO JAPAN.

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: UPON THE RETURN OF THEIR MAJESTIES
THE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS TO JAPAN, I WISH TO EXPRESS THE
HEARTFELT APPRECIATION OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF
JAPAN TO YOU AND THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED
STATES FOR THE WARM WELCOME AND GENEROUS HOSPITALITY
EXTENDED TO THEM THROUGHOUT THEIR SOJOURN IN YOUR COUNTRY.
THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF JAPAN ARE INDEED GRATIFIED
THAT THEIR MAJESTIES HAVE RETURNED HOME SAFELY FROM THEIR
JOURNEY, DURING WHICH THEY WERE CORDIALLY RECEIVED BY YOU
AND MRS. FORD AND ENJOYED FRIENDLY CONTACTS WITH A DIVERSE
RANGE OF AMERICAN CITIZENS THROUGH THEIR VISITS TO PLACES
OF INTEREST IN THE UNITED STATES. THE VISIT WAS AN
EVENT OF PROFOUND HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE SYMBOLIZING THE
EVER-LASTING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES. THE
EXPRESSIONS OF THE GENUINE GOODWILL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE,
SO VIVIDLY EVIDENT IN THE COURSE OF THEIR MAJESTIES'
VISIT, LEFT INDELIBLE MARKS ON THE MINDS OF THE JAPANESE
PEOPLE.

PERMIT ME TO ASK YOU TO CONVEY MY DEEP GRATITUDE TO ALL
THOSE IN YOUR GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE
WORKED SO HARD FOR THE SUCCESSFUL VISIT OF THEIR
MAJESTIES. WITH BEST REGARDS, SINCERELY YOURS, TAKEO
MIKI, PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN".

3. THE WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE LETTER BUT
HAS NO OBJECTION IF MIKI WISHES TO DO SO.

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